

Section C -- Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

This section presents data on unemployment and sickness benefits paid to qualified railroad employees under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act. Railroad unemployment and sickness benefits, by law, are based on a July-June benefit year. Therefore, railroad unemployment and sickness insurance benefit operations are presented on a benefit year basis, rather than on a fiscal year basis.

Normal benefits of each type may be paid for as many as 130 days in a period of 26 or more weeks but may not exceed the total creditable base year compensation of the beneficiary. After exhaustion of normal benefits, an employee with 10 or more years of railroad service may receive additional benefits in an extended benefit period provided he(she) has not voluntarily retired, has not left work without good cause (for unemployment benefits only), and is less than 65 years old (for sickness benefits only). Extended benefits are paid in a 13-week period. However, prior to enactment of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Amendments Act of 1996, extended benefits would have been paid for a 26-week period to those with 15 or more years of service. Title V of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act of 1991, provided extended unemployment benefits to claimants with less than 10 years of service and additional benefits to those with 10-14 years during benefit years 1991-1992 and 1992-1993.

An employee was qualified for benefit year 2001-2002 if in the preceding calendar (base) year his(her) compensation for railroad work, excluding earnings over \$1,005 a month, was \$2,512.50 or more. Additionally, if the employee was a new entrant to the industry in the base year, he(she) must have had at least five months of service in that year. For a long-service employee (one with 10 or more years of railroad service) a benefit year could be started early if he(she) was not currently qualified but would be qualified for the next benefit year. Also, an extended benefit period could continue beyond the usual June 30 ending date of a benefit year and thus extend the duration of the employee's benefit year. Therefore, the tables in this section on payments for unemployment and sickness that occurred during the July 2001 - June 2002 period include benefits that technically were payable in extensions of the 2000-2001 benefit year or accelerations of the 2002-2003 benefit year as well as those payable for the general benefit year (2001-2002).

Table C1 shows the principal figures for operations in benefit year 2001-2002 and other recent years. Figures in this table refer to payments made and other administrative actions taken under the unemployment and sickness programs during the designated benefit year. Table C2 provides various unemployment and sickness benefit and beneficiary data for benefit years 1972-1973 through 2001-2002. Tables C3 through C7 contain benefit data for unemployment and sickness which occurred in claim periods paid during the particular benefit years stated in the table headings or to which reference is made in the footnotes. Table C8 is a graph of unemployment and sickness beneficiaries by month for benefit year 2001-2002. Table C9 shows the distribution of experience based contribution rates, by number of employers, for 2002.

Payments for maternity under a separate program were discontinued by amendments adopted in 1968. However, provision was made for payment of sickness benefits to female employees prevented from working because of pregnancy or childbirth. The sickness benefit data in this section include such payments.

The unemployment and sickness beneficiary tables for benefit year 2001-2002 include all payments made by June 30, 2002. Benefits are paid for compensable days of unemployment or sickness at a daily rate equal to 60 percent of the employee's last daily rate of pay in the base year, subject to a \$50.00 maximum and a \$12.70 minimum in benefit year 2001-2002.

The most important qualifications of the data for each table are shown in footnotes to the table.

Table C1.-- Principal administrative data for the unemployment and sickness benefit programs, benefit years 1997-1998 through 2001-2002

Item	1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
Qualified employees.....	276,600	272,400	278,200	277,400	269,900
Maximum daily benefit rate.....	\$43	\$44	\$46	\$48	\$50
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS					
Net amount of benefits paid (thousands)	\$27,034	\$31,565	\$35,620	\$43,008	\$47,383
Payments:¹					
Number.....	71,500	80,800	83,300	96,100	103,600
Average amount per two week claim period.....	\$375	\$386	\$399	\$415	\$429
Beneficiaries.....	11,300	12,600	13,700	16,700	17,800
Applications received.....	13,700	15,800	17,500	20,100	22,000
Claims received.....	86,800	97,900	101,400	118,800	128,500
Normal benefit accounts exhausted.....	2,100	2,000	2,100	2,200	2,700
Non-compensable waiting period only²..	200	200	(3)	(3)	(3)
SICKNESS BENEFITS					
Net amount of benefits paid (thousands)	\$33,058	\$34,642	\$40,499	\$49,512	\$50,904
Payments:¹					
Number.....	147,500	145,200	151,300	163,200	168,400
Average amount per two week claim period.....	\$385	\$394	\$406	\$426	\$445
Beneficiaries.....	20,500	20,600	22,000	23,000	23,000
Applications received.....	26,600	26,300	27,100	28,700	28,100
Claims received.....	171,100	169,000	175,900	189,000	194,000
Normal benefit accounts exhausted.....	4,300	3,900	4,100	4,500	5,100
Non-compensable waiting period only²..	200	200	100	100	100

¹ Not adjusted for recoveries or settlements of underpayments.

² Prior to the October 1996 legislation, no benefits were payable for the first claim in a benefit year, generally resulting in a 2-week waiting period.

As a result of the legislation, benefits are payable for each day of unemployment or sickness in excess of 7 during the first 14-day registration period in a benefit year.

³ Less than 50.

NOTE.--Data covered program activities during the year, regardless of when unemployment or sickness occurred.

Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1972-1973 through 2001-2002

Year	Number of beneficiaries	Amount of gross benefits (thousands)	Beneficiaries per 100 qualified employees ¹	Benefit exhaustions per 100 beneficiaries ¹	Average per beneficiary				
					Creditable registration periods	Creditable/ compensable days ²	Daily benefit	Amount of benefits	
								Total for year	Total per week ³
UNEMPLOYMENT									
1972-1973 ⁴	100,100	\$41,653	9	11	6.2	72	\$12.66	\$602	\$63.30
1973-1974.....	45,700	22,933	7	8	5.3	61	12.66	502	63.30
1974-1975.....	76,000	37,298	12	6	5.2	59	12.69	491	63.50
1975-1976.....	104,800	45,827	16	19	7.6	90	23.36	1,392	116.80
1976-1977.....	80,100	110,221	13	16	7.1	84	24.66	1,377	123.30
1977-1978.....	92,700	114,460	15	11	6.3	75	24.88	1,235	124.40
1978-1979.....	96,400	102,575	16	7	5.4	64	24.94	1,065	124.70
1979-1980.....	102,800	122,021	17	11	5.9	71	24.95	1,187	124.80
1980-1981.....	120,300	213,732	19	23	8.5	105	24.97	1,777	124.90
1981-1982.....	145,200	258,822	24	26	8.5	105	24.98	1,783	124.90
1982-1983.....	174,700	398,448	30	37	10.6	134	24.99	2,281	124.95
1983-1984.....	108,500	209,126	21	28	9.2	114	24.98	1,928	124.90
1984-1985.....	80,000	127,437	17	19	7.9	96	24.98	1,594	124.90
1985-1986.....	86,800	142,795	19	19	8.0	98	24.98	1,645	124.90
1986-1987.....	75,200	127,235	18	8	8.2	68	24.72	1,693	123.60
1987-1988.....	54,400	84,938	14	18	7.5	63	24.72	1,561	123.60
1988-1989.....	35,200	59,047	10	15	7.0	59	28.29	1,679	141.45
1989-1990.....	29,900	57,488	9	17	7.5	64	30.14	1,921	150.70
1990-1991.....	30,500	63,315	9	18	7.9	67	30.85	2,078	154.25
1991-1992.....	26,400	⁵ 62,185	8	21	8.7	76	30.94	2,353	154.70
1992-1993.....	20,700	⁵ 51,150	7	19	8.5	75	32.82	2,466	164.10
1993-1994.....	18,600	44,016	6	16	8.1	71	32.94	2,348	164.70
1994-1995.....	18,700	39,670	6	15	6.8	59	35.73	2,120	178.65
1995-1996.....	16,800	42,263	6	19	7.8	69	35.86	2,461	179.30
1996-1997.....	15,300	40,228	5	18	7.2	63	40.57	2,564	202.85
1997-1998.....	11,300	30,175	4	18	6.9	60	42.78	2,571	213.90
1998-1999.....	12,600	35,354	5	16	7.0	62	43.81	2,719	219.05
1999-2000.....	13,700	38,317	5	13	6.9	61	45.51	2,759	227.56
2000-2001.....	16,700	46,120	6	13	6.6	57	47.81	2,736	239.05
2001-2002.....	17,800	51,398	7	14	6.7	58	49.62	2,862	248.08

See footnotes at end of table.

Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1972-1973 through 2001-2002 - Continued

Year	Number of beneficiaries	Amount of gross benefits (thousands)	Beneficiaries per 100 qualified employees ¹	Benefit exhaustions per 100 beneficiaries ¹	Average per beneficiary				
					Creditable registration periods	Creditable/compensable days ²	Daily benefit	Amount of benefits	
								Total for year	Total per week ³
SICKNESS ⁶									
1972-1973.....	66,700	\$42,547	9	11	5.9	79	\$12.13	\$638	\$60.70
1973-1974.....	63,400	39,777	10	11	5.7	77	12.39	627	62.00
1974-1975.....	56,600	35,934	9	11	5.7	76	12.55	635	62.80
1975-1976.....	73,900	85,145	11	13	5.8	78	21.22	1,153	106.10
1976-1977.....	74,800	94,469	12	14	5.9	79	22.66	1,262	113.30
1977-1978.....	75,200	92,213	12	12	5.6	75	23.49	1,266	117.50
1978-1979.....	71,600	87,129	12	12	5.4	72	24.14	1,216	120.70
1979-1980.....	70,500	84,633	11	11	5.3	70	24.59	1,201	122.95
1980-1981.....	68,900	82,990	11	11	5.2	70	24.75	1,205	123.80
1981-1982.....	66,400	83,570	11	12	5.4	72	24.85	1,255	124.25
1982-1983.....	59,300	81,077	10	15	5.8	78	24.88	1,366	124.40
1983-1984.....	52,000	70,000	10	14	5.8	77	24.88	1,346	124.40
1984-1985.....	48,100	65,763	10	14	5.9	78	24.88	1,368	124.40
1985-1986.....	46,400	69,114	10	17	6.4	85	24.88	1,491	124.40
1986-1987.....	45,200	72,678	11	19	6.9	65	24.69	1,609	123.45
1987-1988.....	41,700	66,809	11	18	6.9	65	24.74	1,602	123.70
1988-1989.....	33,700	62,115	9	19	7.1	67	27.63	1,845	138.15
1989-1990.....	28,200	58,337	8	20	7.2	68	30.24	2,068	151.20
1990-1991.....	25,600	54,528	8	21	7.4	69	30.81	2,133	154.05
1991-1992.....	23,600	52,666	7	21	7.7	72	30.97	2,232	154.85
1992-1993.....	21,800	50,693	7	20	7.6	71	32.80	2,323	164.00
1993-1994.....	21,600	50,613	7	16	7.5	71	32.98	2,328	164.90
1994-1995.....	21,000	54,006	7	20	7.7	72	35.74	2,573	178.70
1995-1996.....	20,400	55,437	7	21	7.9	74	35.94	2,652	179.70
1996-1997.....	20,500	60,566	7	21	7.6	70	40.18	2,825	200.90
1997-1998.....	20,500	63,356	7	18	7.7	69	42.90	2,967	214.50
1998-1999.....	20,600	64,203	8	16	7.6	68	43.91	2,999	219.55
1999-2000.....	22,000	69,992	8	17	7.8	69	45.75	3,152	228.73
2000-2001.....	23,000	78,584	8	19	7.9	71	47.88	3,388	239.42
2001-2002.....	23,000	84,125	9	20	8.2	73	49.85	3,629	249.25

See footnotes at end of table.

Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1972-1973 through 2001-2002 - Continued

¹ Through benefit year 1985-1986, beneficiaries per 100 qualified employees based on data for current general benefit year; exhaustions per 100 beneficiaries refer to normal benefits only.

² Compensable days data was first used in benefit year 1986-1987. Previous years data refers to creditable days.

³ Benefit for full week of unemployment or sickness.

⁴ Number of beneficiaries in 1972-1973 include those whose only unemployment benefits resulted from brief major strikes; except for the total amount of benefits, all other data relate to the remaining beneficiaries who were paid for regular unemployment. These numbered 64,000 in 1972-1973.

⁵ Includes benefits under Title V of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act of 1991, as amended, which provided extended unemployment benefits paid to claimants with less than 10 years of service and additional extended benefits to those with 10-14 years.

⁶ Sickness data exclude benefits not payable because of concurrent entitlement to other social insurance benefits or because of receipt of a personal injury settlement.

NOTE.--Data based on sample tabulations through 1974-1975 and total counts thereafter. Data include all unemployment and sickness in claims periods begun in the year. For this reason, and because adjustments of benefit amounts have occurred after tabulating cutoff dates, the total amounts of benefits differ substantially from the figures in Tables A1 and C1. Beginning in benefit year 1986-1987 the table was compiled using different source materials than those used in previous years.

Table C3.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries in benefit year 2001-2002 and selected data, by completed years of service

Completed years of service	Beneficiaries		Average per beneficiary		
	Total	Per 100 qualified employees	Compensable days on benefit rolls	Daily benefit	Amount of benefits for year
UNEMPLOYMENT					
Under 10	10,700	12	60	\$50	\$3,000
10-14	1,500	7	63	49	3,100
15 and over	5,700	4	53	50	2,600
Total	17,800	7	58	\$50	\$2,900
SICKNESS					
Under 10	6,200	7	66	\$51	\$3,400
10-14	2,000	10	76	51	3,800
15 and over	14,800	9	75	49	3,700
Total	23,000	8	73	\$50	\$3,600

NOTE.-- Data is partly estimated.

**Table C4.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, and total gross benefits for the year,
by state, benefit year 2001-2002**

States	Unemployment benefits		Sickness benefits	
	Beneficiaries	Total amount	Beneficiaries	Total amount
Alabama	244	\$707,000	351	\$1,250,000
Alaska	64	285,000	2	3,000
Arizona	372	867,000	228	867,000
Arkansas	210	598,000	593	2,308,000
California	1,069	3,888,000	1,552	6,217,000
Colorado	185	518,000	220	841,000
Connecticut	49	196,000	137	478,000
Delaware	141	444,000	171	601,000
Washington DC	26	148,000	44	157,000
Florida	255	823,000	586	1,975,000
Georgia	360	1,015,000	623	2,293,000
Hawaii	1	4,000	.....	.....
Idaho	139	403,000	112	555,000
Illinois	1,117	3,519,000	1,809	6,395,000
Indiana	701	2,166,000	848	3,092,000
Iowa	357	951,000	293	945,000
Kansas	505	1,287,000	453	1,469,000
Kentucky	469	1,025,000	618	2,511,000
Louisiana	189	574,000	345	1,253,000
Maine	111	367,000	95	331,000
Maryland	325	1,194,000	544	2,050,000
Massachusetts	140	498,000	257	937,000
Michigan	505	1,663,000	579	2,185,000
Minnesota	575	1,667,000	455	1,554,000
Mississippi	74	224,000	183	747,000
Missouri	535	1,479,000	621	2,177,000
Montana	278	727,000	185	640,000
Nebraska	659	1,557,000	797	2,321,000
Nevada	71	225,000	60	255,000
New Hampshire	34	119,000	22	92,000
New Jersey	177	622,000	816	2,432,000
New Mexico	309	757,000	143	519,000

**Table C4.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, and total gross benefits for the year,
by state, benefit year 2001-2002 - Continued**

States	Unemployment benefits		Sickness benefits	
	Beneficiaries	Total amount	Beneficiaries	Total amount
New York	651	\$2,303,000	1,592	\$5,302,000
North Carolina	98	319,000	245	957,000
North Dakota	342	922,000	127	346,000
Ohio	1,176	3,817,000	990	3,590,000
Oklahoma	97	266,000	127	515,000
Oregon	173	464,000	245	918,000
Pennsylvania	1,866	4,111,000	1,715	7,345,000
Rhode Island	13	47,000	55	178,000
South Carolina	135	392,000	205	814,000
South Dakota	73	199,000	53	152,000
Tennessee	267	737,000	460	1,738,000
Texas	686	1,991,000	1,274	5,052,000
Utah	108	272,000	119	434,000
Vermont	19	75,000	18	73,000
Virginia	471	1,254,000	606	2,389,000
Washington	250	606,000	411	1,459,000
West Virginia	302	872,000	394	1,565,000
Wisconsin	490	1,449,000	395	1,108,000
Wyoming	329	775,000	210	702,000
Total ¹	17,796	\$51,398,000	22,996	\$84,125,000

¹ Includes beneficiaries whose state of residence was unknown.

NOTE.--Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.

Data is partly estimated.

Table C5.--Beneficiaries and selected averages for benefit year 2001-2002 unemployment, by age and sex

Age on birthday in 2001	Number of beneficiaries				Average per beneficiary		
	Total	Female	Qualified employees	Per 100 qualified employees	Compensable days of unemployment	Daily benefit	Amount of benefits for year
Under 25.....	620	27	5,300	12	60	\$49.62	\$2,958
25 to 29.....	2,087	111	15,100	14	57	49.82	2,841
30 to 34.....	2,576	136	21,800	12	58	49.72	2,876
35 to 39.....	2,194	182	21,600	10	59	49.73	2,952
40 to 44.....	2,471	182	33,100	7	59	49.72	2,931
45 to 49.....	3,119	200	54,300	6	56	49.46	2,771
50 to 54.....	2,507	157	56,600	4	57	49.65	2,822
55 to 59.....	1,563	113	37,900	4	58	49.40	2,862
60 to 64.....	594	43	18,700	3	59	48.83	2,879
65 to 69.....	60	6	2,100	3	45	47.58	2,155
70 and older.....	5	.....	400	1	67	49.32	3,315
ALL BENEFICIARIES							
Male.....	16,639	.....	246,000	7	57	\$49.62	\$2,807
Female.....	1,157	1,157	23,900	5	74	\$49.49	\$3,660
Total¹.....	17,796	1,157	269,900	7	58	\$49.61	\$2,862

¹ Includes employees whose sex or age was not reported.

NOTE.-- Beneficiary figures based on payments made in the year, regardless of the benefit year for which payment was made. Qualified employees for 2001-2002 benefit year are those qualified on the basis of 2000 compensation.

Table C6.--Beneficiaries and selected averages for benefit year 2001-2002 sickness, by age and sex

Age on birthday in 2001	Number of beneficiaries				Average per beneficiary		
	Total	Female	Qualified employees	Per 100 qualified employees	Compensable days of unemployment	Daily benefit	Amount of benefits for year
Under 25.....	159	29	5,300	3	56	\$49.86	\$2,773
25 to 29.....	872	167	15,100	6	57	50.00	2,842
30 to 34.....	1,598	313	21,800	7	60	49.93	3,006
35 to 39.....	1,608	306	21,600	7	64	49.82	3,207
40 to 44.....	2,448	339	33,100	7	72	49.75	3,562
45 to 49.....	4,420	478	54,300	8	73	49.86	3,658
50 to 54.....	5,264	438	56,600	9	78	49.87	3,878
55 to 59.....	4,285	322	37,900	11	78	49.99	3,881
60 to 64.....	2,150	157	18,700	12	76	49.87	3,765
65 to 69.....	165	22	2,100	8	65	46.94	3,063
70 and older.....	27	5	400	8	52	35.05	1,837
ALL BENEFICIARIES							
Male.....	20,420	.....	246,000	8	73	\$49.86	\$3,654
Female.....	2,576	2,576	23,900	11	69	\$49.78	\$3,434
Total¹.....	22,996	2,576	269,900	9	73	\$49.85	\$3,629

¹ Includes employees whose sex or age was not reported.

NOTE.-- Beneficiary figures based on payments made in the year, regardless of the benefit year for which payment was made. Qualified employees for 2001-2002 benefit year are those qualified on the basis of 2000 compensation.

Table C7.--Beneficiaries and average compensable days for benefit year 2001-2002 sickness, by type of sickness

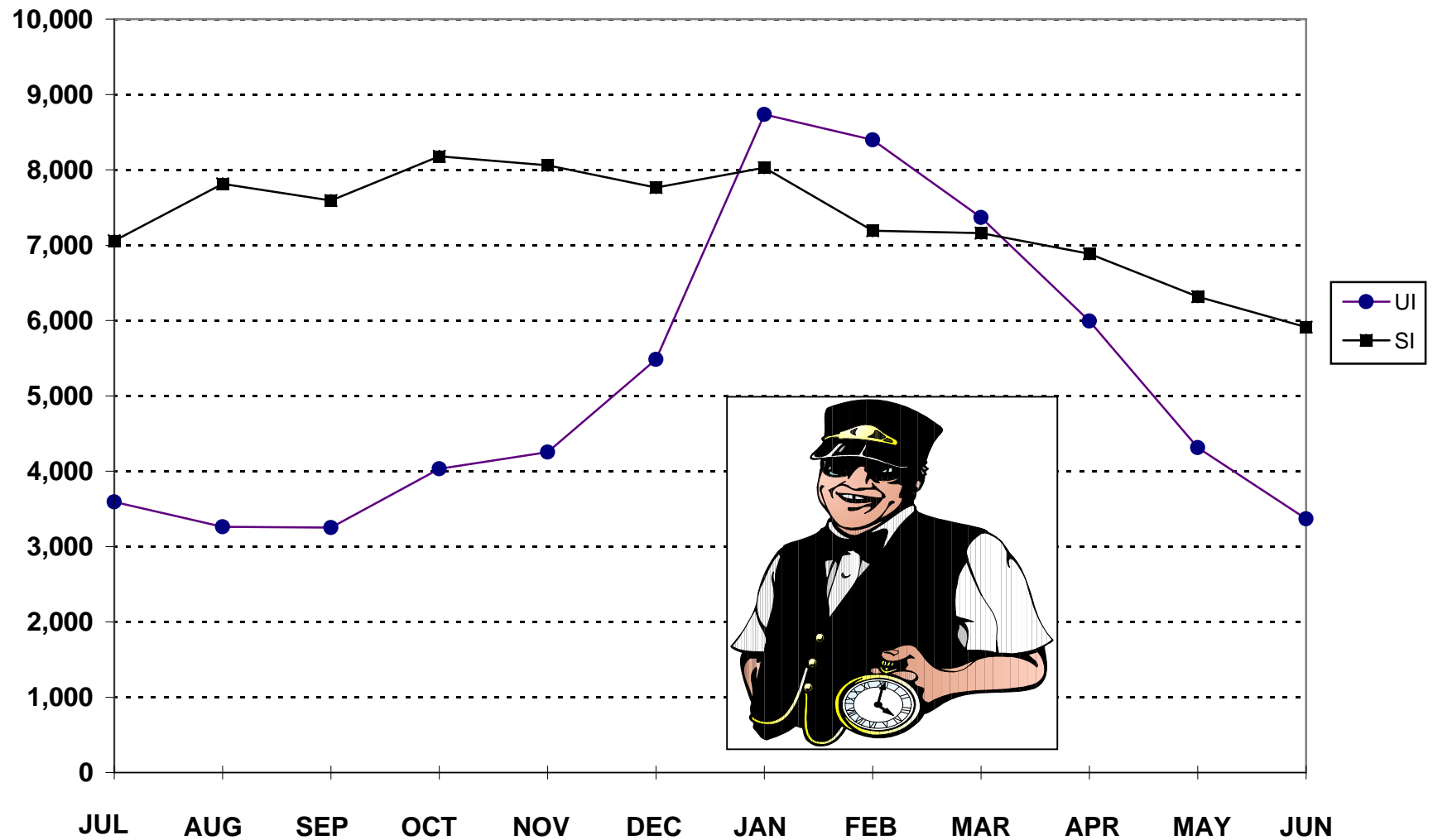
International list no.	Type of sickness	Beneficiaries	Average compensable days of sickness
001-139	Infective and parasitic diseases	131	56
140-239	Neoplasms	1,093	67
240-279	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders	249	73
280-289	Diseases of the blood and blood forming organs	21	59
290-319	Mental disorders	2,456	75
320-389	Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs	1,594	74
390-459	Diseases of the circulatory system	2,222	72
460-519	Diseases of the respiratory system	636	50
520-579	Diseases of the digestive system	1,313	38
580-629	Diseases of the genitourinary system	245	43
630-679	Pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium, total ¹	339	53
680-709	Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	203	41
710-739	Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	4,872	98
740-759	Congenital anomalies	226	61
780-799	Symptoms and ill-defined conditions and perinatal morbidity and mortality.	1,617	64
800-999	Injury and complications of poisoning	5,779	69
Total		22,996	73

¹ Includes normal periods of pregnancy and the puerperium in addition to morbidities included in the classifications numbered 630-679.

NOTE.--Type of sickness is determined by the first sickness for which payment was made. Classification by sickness group is in accordance with The International Classification of Diseases, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM), United States Government.

**TABLE C8. - UI & SI BENEFICIARIES
BY MONTH FOR BENEFIT YEAR 2001-2002**

Beneficiaries



**TABLE C9. - EXPERIENCE RATING DISTRIBUTION,
BY NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS, 2002**

EMPLOYERS

